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## For: Multi-Gene Expression Profile

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**AMENDMENT**

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**Dear Examiner:**

In response to the final Office Action dated March 26, 2002, Applicants submit the following amendment:

### In the Specification

**On page one, after the title, please add the following paragraph:**

--This invention was made with Government support under contract MH23861

awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The Government has certain rights in this invention.--

**In the Claims:**

Cancel claims 36-41 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

42. A multi-gene expression profile of a sample comprising a collection of linearly amplified specific nucleic acid messages, wherein said amplified specific nucleic acid